

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting</b> <b>April 27 &amp; 28, 2015</b></p>
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Moderator Enrico Cappucci opened the Annual Town Meeting on Monday, April 27, 2015, at 7:15 pm at the Ayer Shirley Middle School Auditorium, 1 Hospital Road. Two Boy Scouts led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Town Clerk had sworn the following people to serve as tellers: Mike Detillion, Alphee Levesque, Joe Stanislaw and James Thibault. Registrars of Voters James Yocum and Bob Huxley checked voters into the meeting. 198 voters checked in.

Carolyn Murray, Town Counsel from Kopelman and Paige was in attendance and seated at the table on the stage with the Town Administrator.

Copies of the warrant had been mailed to all households and were at the check-in area for attendees to bring into the meeting to refer to.

**Article 1. Accept Annual Town Report (FY2014)**

Davis Swain moved that the Town vote to accept the report of the Board of Selectmen and other Town Officers and Committees. Kendra Dumont seconded the motion.

*Voice vote: Moderator declared that the motion passed by a majority vote.*

**Article 2. Prior Year Bills**

David Swain moved that the Town appropriate the following sum of money, to be expended by the Department indicated in order to pay a bill of a prior Fiscal Year for the goods or services described:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Goods/Services</u>	<u>Amount</u>
DPW/Cemetery	Shirley Water Dpt.	Water	\$37.00

Such amount to be provided by transfer from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Receipts Account.

**4/5 Vote required**

*Voice Vote: Moderator advised that there was one dissenting vote and that a 4/5 majority passed the motion.*

**Article 3 SUPPLEMENTAL APROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR FY2015**

**MOTION A:** Move and seconded that the Town amend the FY 2015 Budget and vote, as previously appropriated under Article 4 of the June 2, 2014 Annual Town Meeting, as follows:

To Line 192	Public Building	increase of \$30,000.00 transferred from	
		Line 945 General Insurance	\$10,000.00
		Line 151 Legal Expenses	\$ 5,000.00
		Line 145/146 Treasurer/Collector	\$ 5,000.00
		Line 155 Computer Operations	
		Consulting	\$10,000.00

*Voice vote: Passed by Majority*

**MOTION B:** I move that the Town amend the FY 2015 Budget and vote, as previously appropriated under Article 4 of the June 2, 2014 Annual Town Meeting, as follows:

To Line 423            Snow and Ice            increase of \$70,791.52 transferred from General Stabilization Fund

***Voice Vote: Moderator Declared Passed by 2/3 Majority.***

**MOTION C:** I move that the Town amend the FY 2015 Budget and vote, as previously appropriated under Article 4 of the June 2, 2014 Annual Town Meeting, as follows:

To Line 211 Police Salaries            increase of \$15,000.00 transferred from  
Wages Hourly (union)            Line 155 Computer Operations Expenses  
and  
Increase of \$10,000.00 transferred from  
Line 132 Reserve Fund

***Passed by Majority***

#### **ARTICLE 4    ACCEPT SALARY CLASSIFICATION PLAN, FY 16 WAGE SCALE**

Motion A: Moved and seconded that the Town vote to adopt the salary classification plan for FY 2016 as shown in Appendix A of the Warrant for the 2015 Annual Town Meeting.

**Appendix A is attached at the end of these minutes for reference.**

***Voice Vote: Passed by Majority***

Motion B: Moved and seconded that the Town vote to amend the wage scale for an increase of 2% effective July 1, 2015 for FY 2016 as shown in Appendix B of the Warrant for the 2015 Annual Town Meeting.

**Appendix B is attached at the end of these minutes for reference.**

***Voice Vote: Passed by Majority***

#### **ARTICLE 5    ELECTED OFFICIALS COMPENSATION**

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$99,976.13 for Elected Officials as set forth in in the Warrant, each line item by department to be considered as a separate appropriation for the purposes voted, such amounts to be funded from raise and appropriate.

The amounts listed in the warrant were as follows:

<b>Selectman (three)</b>	<b>\$ 300.00</b>	<b>Town Clerk</b>	<b>\$ 49,132.61</b>
<b>Board of Assessors (three)</b>	<b>\$ 300.00</b>	<b>Town Collector</b>	<b>\$ 50,243.52</b>

**Amendment 1** Moved and seconded to Amend Article 5, Elected Officials Compensation by increasing the Town Clerk by \$12,283.15 to read \$61,415.76 and increasing the Town Collector by \$12,560.88 to read \$62,804.40 with the \$24,844.03 difference to come from General Stabilization.

**Amendment to Amendment 1:** Moved and seconded to change the funding source from Stabilization to Raise and Appropriate.

***Hand Vote on Amendment to Amendment 1: Passed by Majority***

Amended motion read:

Moved that the town vote to allow the following compensation for the following elected officials, and further to see if the town will raise and appropriate from available funds a sum of \$124,820.16 for the purpose of funding these salaries for elected officials effective July 1, 2015.

***Voice Vote on Article 5 as amended: Passed by Majority***

## **Article 6      FY2016 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET**

**INTRODUCTORY MOTION:** Moved and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate and transfer from available funds such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Town for the next Fiscal Year (2016) and act on the budget of the Finance Committee, with eight separate motions to appropriate funds for particular departments or functions, and a final motion to identify the funding sources needed for such purposes.

### **MOTION 1:    GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$818,846.24 for General Government as set forth in Appendix C in the Warrant, each line item by department to be considered as a separate appropriation for the purposes voted.

**Amendment 1:** Moved and seconded to amend line 122 appointed salary to requested amount \$47,487.28 with \$9,497.46 to be funded through stabilization.

***Hand Vote on Amendment 1: Moderator declared passed by 2/3 majority***

**Amendment 2:** Moved and seconded to amend line 129 salary appointed to \$74,375.60.

**Amendment 3:** Moved and seconded to amend line 129 salary appointed to \$90,500.71.

***Voiced Vote on Recommended amount of \$92,310.72: failed***

***Voice Vote on Amendment 3: Moderator declared passed. No vote was therefore needed on the lower amount in Amendment 2.***

**Amendment 4:** Moved and seconded to amend line 135 by increasing Town Accountant salary by \$12,560.88 and Town Accountant Wages Hourly by \$19,625.06 for a total increase of \$32,185.94, with the funding to come from the General Stabilization Fund.

***Hand Vote on Amendment 4: Moderator declared passed by 2/3 majority***

**Amendment 5:** Moved and seconded to amend the motion for General Government, specifically for line item 141 Assessors Salary Appointed to \$60,069.20 and for line item 141 Assessors Wages Hourly to \$7,979.42 by transferring \$16,003.55 from the General Stabilization Fund.

***Hand Vote on Amendment 5: Moderator declared passed by 2/3 majority***

**Amendment 6:** Moved and seconded to amend line 145/146 increasing wages hourly, appointed – Assistant Treasurer – by \$5,768.64, to an amount equal to the FY16 requested amount of \$39,331.65 funding by and from the General Stabilization Fund.

***Hand Vote on Amendment 6: Moderator declared passed by 2/3 majority***

The revised amount for Motion 1, General Government, reflecting the amendments was \$880,491.82

## **MOTION 2: LAND USE DEPARTMENTS**

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$267,425.19 for Land Use Departments as set forth in Appendix C in the Warrant, each line item by department to be considered as a separate appropriation for the purposes voted.

**Amendment 1:** Moved and seconded to amend Land Use Line 241 Building Inspector Salary Appointed position from \$27,309.92 to \$54,619.84 and Wages Hourly from \$14,257.23 to \$28,514.46 with the increase to be funded from the General Stabilization Fund of \$41,567.15.

***Hand Vote on Amendment 1: Moderator declared passed by 2/3 majority***

**Amendment 2:** Moved and seconded to amend line item 243 Gas/Plumbing Inspector Salary Appointed Position to \$10,560.06 with the \$4,360.06 difference over the original amount of \$6,200 from General Stabilization.

***Hand Vote on Amendment 2: Moderator declared passed by 2/3 majority***

**Amendment 3:** moved and seconded to amend Land Use for line 511 Board of Health Wages Hourly from \$7,676.97 to \$15,353.94 with the difference of \$7,676.97 to be funded by Raise and Appropriate.

***Hand Vote on Amendment 3: Moderator declared passed by majority***

**Amendment 4:** moved and seconded to amend line item 245 Salary, Appointed Position Wiring Inspector to \$10,560.06 by raising and appropriating the additional \$1280.06 funds.

***Hand Vote on Amendment 4: Moderator declared passed by majority***

Revised Motion: Moved and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$322,309.43 for Land Use Departments as set forth in Appendix C in the Warrant, each line item by department to be considered as a separate appropriation for the purposes voted as amended.

***Hand Vote on Revised Motion 2: Moderator declared passed***

Moved and seconded to recess the first night of the meeting until April 28 at 7:15pm. Moderator declared passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:30pm

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Moderator Enrico Cappucci opened the second night of the Annual Town Meeting on Tuesday, April 28, 2015, at 7:15 pm at the Ayer Shirley Middle School Auditorium, 1 Hospital Road. Bob Huxley and Judy Stanislaw checked voters into the meeting. The same tellers as the previous night served on this night as well. 126 voters had checked in by 8:45pm.

### **MOTION 3: PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTIES**

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,317,813.08 for the Protection of Persons and Properties as set forth in Appendix C in the Warrant, each line item by department to be considered as a separate appropriation for the purposes voted,.

***Amendment 1:*** Moved and seconded to increase Appointed, Salary Executive Secretary from \$25,774 to \$51,548 by transferring from General Stabilization the amount of \$25,774.

***Hand Vote on Amendment 1: Moderator declared passed by 2/3 majority***

Revised Motion: Moved and separated that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,343,587.08 for the Protection of Persons and Properties as set forth in Appendix C in the Warrant, each line item by department to be considered as a separate appropriation for the purposes voted as amended.

***Voice Vote on revised Motion 3: Moderator declared passed by majority***

### **MOTION 4: SCHOOLS**

#### **A.) Nashoba Valley Regional School District**

***Amendment 1:*** Moved and seconded to amend line item #321 Nashoba Valley Technical High School assessment to \$920,917 from recommended \$908,400 for a total increase of \$12,517 to be funded from the general stabilization fund.

***Hand Counted Vote on Amendment 1: 50 yes, 36 no. Failed to get 2/3 majority.***

***Voice vote on lower amount of \$908,400: Passed by majority vote.***

#### **B.) Ayer Shirley Regional School District**

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$6,383,922.15 for the Ayer Shirley Regional School District as represented by Line 331 in the Budget.

***Amendment 1:*** Moved and seconded amend line item 331 Ayer Shirley Regional School assessment to the assessed number of \$6,166,714 by adding \$150,966.85 from stabilization.

***Counted Vote on Amendment 1: 49 YES, 50 NO. Failed to get 2/3 majority.***

***Voice vote on lower amount of \$6, 383,922.15. Passed by majority vote.***

Moved and seconded that the town vote appropriate the sum of \$7,292,322.15 for Regional School Districts as listed in the warrant.

Voice Vote: Passed by majority

#### **MOTION 5: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$581,315.16 for the Department of Public Works as set forth in Appendix C in the Warrant, each line item by department to be considered as a separate appropriation for the purposes voted.

**Amendment 1:** Moved and seconded to amend the motion for the Department of Public Works line 422 wages hourly Public Works Assistant from \$24,782.49 to \$27,536.10 with the difference of \$2,746.64 to be funded by the General Stabilization Fund.

***Voice Vote on Amendment 1: Moderator declared passed by 2/3 vote***

Revised Motion 5: Moved and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$584,068.77 for the Department of Public Works as set forth in Appendix C in the Warrant, each line item by department to be considered as a separate appropriation for the purposes voted, as amended.

***Voice vote on higher amount: Passed by majority vote.***

#### **MOTION 6: LIBRARY AND CITIZEN SERVICES**

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$348,191.72 for Library and Citizen Services as set forth in Appendix C in the Warrant, each line item by department to be considered as a separate appropriation for the purposes voted.

**Amendment 1:** Moved and seconded to amend the amount in line item 541 Council on Aging wages hourly Director from \$24,143.40 to \$26,323.42 with the increase of \$2,180.02 to come from raise and appropriate.

***Hand Counted Vote on Amendment 1: YES: 48, NO 44. Moderator declared passed by majority vote***

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$350,371.74 for Library and Citizen Services as set forth in Appendix C in the Warrant, each line item by department to be considered as a separate appropriation for the purposes voted.

***Voice vote on higher amount: Passed by majority vote.***

#### **MOTION 7: DEBT SERVICE**

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$623,272.54 for Debt Service as set forth in Appendix C in the Warrant, each line item considered as a separate appropriation for the purposes voted.

***Voice Vote: Passed by Majority in Favor***

## **MOTION 8: EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,342,796.84 for Employee Benefits as set forth in Appendix C in the Warrant, each line item considered as a separate appropriation for the purposes voted.

*Voice Vote: Passed by Majority in Favor*

## **ARTICLE 6 FINAL FUNDING MOTION:**

Moved and seconded that the Town appropriate \$12,739,220.37 for the Omnibus Operating Budget of the Town for the period beginning July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, in order to defray the operations and other necessary and proper charges, costs, and expenses of the Boards, Commissions, Committees, Officers, and Departments of the Town, together with the payment of debt service, for said Fiscal Year 2016, with each department considered to be a separate appropriation, as voted by this Town and further, that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen, with the concurrence of the Finance Committee, to transfer funds among line items defined within the budget, provided that such transfers shall only occur within the last two months of the fiscal year, and the total transfer amount shall not be more than 1% of the total budget amount; and provided further, that any such transfer shall require a majority vote of each of the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee at a duly posted public meeting.

*Voice Vote: Passed by Majority in Favor*

The final budget as passed at Town Meeting is included at the end of these minutes for reference.

## **ARTICLE 7 APPROVE FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN & CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FY 2016**

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to approve the FY2016 Capital Budget, together with the ensuing four years, said five-year plan known as the Shirley FY2016-FY2020 Capital Improvement Plan as set forth in the document of the same name in the Warrant, Appendix D.

Appendix D of the Town Meeting Warrant is attached to these minutes for reference.

*Voice Vote: Passed by Majority in Favor*

## **ARTICLE 8 REPURPOSE PREVIOUS CAPITAL FUNDS**

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$14,147.75, appropriated under the following:

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Fund Balance</b>
300190	DPW Truck Replacement 2005 ATM Art 14a	\$4,189.56
300210	Public Blds-Photocopier Replace FY07ATM	\$489.27
300215	Ctr Sch Roof Replacement-FY07 Art 15G	\$354.92
300225	Public Safety Comp Sys Upgr FY07 ATM 15	\$426.03

300230	DPW Rpr Old Salt Shed FY07 ATM Art 14a	\$5,500.00
300235	Schl Distr Tech Upgr/Repl FY08 ATM 15	\$123.55
300245	DPW Catch Basin/Culvert Repairs FY08 STM	\$613.72
300250	DPW Sidewalk Plw/Sndr/Snwblwr FY07 ATM	\$1,908.50
300295	Police Cruiser FY13 ATM Art 10b	\$542.20
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,147.75</b>

for the purpose of funding the FY16 Capital Item titled 355 Mower for the DPW/Cemetery.

***Voice Vote: Passed by Majority in Favor***

#### **Article 9: Appropriate Capital Items for FY 2016**

**Motion A:** David Swain moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$4,552.25 for the purpose of purchasing a 355 Mower for the Department of Public Works, and said funds to be paid from the Capital Stabilization Fund. Kendra Dumont seconded the motion.

***Vote: Moderator declared passed by 2/3 majority***

**MOTION B:** David Swain moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for the purpose of exterior repairs to Town Offices, and said funds to be paid from the Capital Stabilization Fund. Kendra Dumont seconded the motion.

***Vote: Moderator declared passed by 2/3 majority***

**MOTION C:** David Swain moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$10,500.00 for the purpose of purchasing Police Department Equipment, and said funds to be paid from the Capital Stabilization Fund. Kendra Dumont seconded the motion

***Vote: Moderator declared passed by 2/3 majority***

**MOTION D:** David Swain moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$52,150 for the purpose of purchasing a Pick-up Truck for the Department of Public Works; and, to meet said appropriation, to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow said sum pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L Chapter 44 **Section 7** or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds and notes therefor. Kendra Dumont seconded the motion

***Vote: Moderator declared passed by 2/3 majority***

**MOTION E:** David Swain moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$65,850.00 for the purpose of purchasing Protective Turn-out Gear for the Fire Department, and said funds to be paid from the Capital Stabilization Fund. Kendra Dumont seconded the motion

***Vote: Moderator declared passed by 2/3 majority***

**MOTION F:** David Swain moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$90,926.00 for the purpose of IT-Town Wide Virtual Servers for the Police Department Virtual Servers; and, to meet said appropriation, to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow said sum pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L Chapter 44 **Section 7** or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds and notes therefor. Kendra Dumont seconded the motion

***Vote: Moderator declared passed by 2/3 majority***



**MOTION G:** David Swain moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$190,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing an Ambulance for the Ambulance Enterprise Fund; and, to meet said appropriation, to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow said sum pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L Chapter 44 **Section 7** or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds and notes therefor. Kendra Dumont seconded the motion

***Vote: Moderator declared passed by 2/3 majority***

## **ARTICLE 10: APPROPRIATE SEWER DEPARTMENT BUDGET FOR FY2016**

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate the total sum of \$1,518,454.38, to be funded by \$307,610.56 from FY2016 Sewer Receipts, \$885,843.82 from Betterment Assessments and \$325,000.00 from Sewer retained earnings, to be expended by the Sewer Commissioners, as and for the Budget of the Sewer Department to defray the operations and other necessary and proper charges, costs, and expenses of the Sewer Department for said Fiscal Year 2016, as set forth in the Warrant

### **LINE 442: FY2016 SEWER DEPARTMENT BUDGET**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Appropriated FY15</b>	<b>Requested FY16</b>
Wages, Hourly	\$20,293.42	\$16,450.65
Health Insurance	\$00.00	\$00.00
Medicare	\$295.00	\$239.00
Contracted Services/Operations & Maintenance	\$382,615.06	\$377,220.91
General Operations/User Expenses	\$86,700.00	\$102,200.00
Capital Item	\$00.00	\$136,500.00
Reserve Fund	\$30,000.00	\$00.00
Capital Assessments & Debt Service/Betterment Expenses	<u>\$891,241.00</u>	<u>\$885,843.82</u>
Total Sewer Department	\$1,411,144.48	1,518,454.38
Indirect Cost Expenses	\$40,429.00	\$40,429.00
<b><u>Total Sewer Department Spending</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,451,573.48</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,558,883.38</u></b>

***Voice Vote: Passed by Majority in Favor***

## **ARTICLE 11 APPROPRIATE AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT BUDGET FOR FY2015**

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate the total sum of \$197,111.38, to be funded by \$157,078.38 from FY2016 Ambulance Receipts and \$40,033.00 from Ambulance retained earnings to be expended by the Ambulance Department to defray the operations and other necessary and proper charges, costs, and expenses of the Ambulance Department for said Fiscal Year 2016, as set forth in the Warrant.

### **Majority**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Appropriated FY15</b>	<b>Requested FY16</b>
Salary, Ambulance Director	\$13,716.18	\$13,990.50
Wages, Hourly – On-call EMT's, Billing Clerk	\$40,000.00	\$32,151.91
EMT Stipends	\$00.00	\$00.00

Health Insurance	\$36,980.00	\$20,371.97
Medicare	\$803.76	\$806.00
Expenses	\$24,707.00	\$24,707.00
Reserve Fund	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Per Diem	\$00.00	\$100,084.00
<b>Total Ambulance Department</b>	<b>\$ 121,206.94</b>	<b>\$197,111.38</b>
Indirect Cost Expenses	\$39,967.00	\$9,702.73
<b><u>Total Ambulance Department Spending</u></b>	<b><u>\$161,173.94</u></b>	<b><u>\$206,814.11</u></b>

*Voice Vote: Passed by Majority in Favor*

## **ARTICLE 12      APPROPRIATE CURBSIDE SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING BUDGET FOR FY2015**

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate the total sum of \$135,000.00, to be funded by \$135,000.00 from Curbside Solid Waste/Recycling Receipts and \$00.00 from retained earnings, to be expended by the Board of Health, to defray the operations and other necessary and proper charges, costs and expenses associated with the Solid Waste/Recycling Curbside Collection Program for said Fiscal Year 2016, as set forth in the Warrant.

<b><u>Description</u></b>	<b><u>Appropriated FY15</u></b>	<b><u>Requested FY16</u></b>
Expenses	\$229,953.28	\$135,000.00
<b>Total Solid Waste/Recycling Curbside Collection</b>	<b>\$229,953.28</b>	<b>\$135,000.00</b>

*Voice Vote: Passed by Majority in Favor*

## **ARTICLE 13      ESTABLISH AND RE-ESTABLISH DEPARTMENTAL REVOLVING FUNDS**

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to establish and re-establish the Departmental Revolving Funds as described in paragraphs a) through n) of Article 13 of the Warrant for Fiscal Year 2016, in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 53 E 1/2 of the Massachusetts General Laws, for the stated purposes and expenditure limits, all as set forth in the Warrant.

### **a)      Council on Aging Van Service (Re-establish)**

Fiscal Year Expenditure Limit:	\$52,000
Authorized Department:	Council on Aging
Program or Purpose:	Van service for transporting the elderly and disabled
Revenue Source:	Fees, fares or reimbursement from Montachusett Regional Transportation Authority

### **b)      Advertising & Postage Costs Advanced by Applicants (Re-establish)**

Fiscal Year Expenditure Limit:	\$5,000
Authorized Department:	Relevant departments
Program or Purpose:	Pass-through account for legal advertisements and postage funded by applicants for licenses, permits, etc.
Revenue Source:	Charges, costs, and fees advanced or reimbursed by applicants in connection with applications for licenses, permits, variances, or other matters

**c) Boarding & Caring for Impounded Dogs (Re-establish)**

Fiscal Year Expenditure Limit: \$5,000  
Authorized Department: Police Department  
Program or Purpose: Boarding and caring for impounded dogs  
Revenue Source: Fines and payments by owners for boarding dogs

**d) Wetlands By-law Expenses (Re-establish)**

Fiscal Year Expenditure Limit: \$25,000  
Authorized Department: Conservation Commission  
Program or Purpose: Pass-through account for expert engineering and consulting services retained by the Conservation Commission for review of applications under the Wetlands Bylaw  
Revenue Source: Costs and fees advanced by applicants

**e) Fees & Expenses of Animal Inspector (Re-establish)**

Fiscal Year Expenditure Limit: \$3,000  
Authorized Department: Board of Health  
Program or Purpose: Pass-through account for paying the Animal Inspector's stipend, fees, and other expenses  
Revenue Source: Fees and charges assessed to owners for the inspection of domestic animals in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 129, Section 19

**f) Fees for Deputy Collector (Re-establish)**

Fiscal Year Expenditure Limit: \$15,000  
Authorized Department: Town Collector  
Program or Purpose: Pass-through account to pay statutory fees earned by the Town's Deputy Collector (independent contractor)  
Revenue Source: Fees added to, and paid with, overdue bills

**g) Fees & Expenses of Field Driver (Re-establish)**

Fiscal Year Expenditure Limit: \$2,000  
Authorized Department: Police Department  
Program or Purpose: Pass-through account for paying the fees and expenses of the Town's Field Driver  
Revenue Source: Charges assessed to owners for collecting, transporting, and impounding their strayed animals

**h) Fees & Expenses of Police Lock-up (Re-establish).**

Fiscal Year Expenditure Limit: \$5,000  
Authorized Department: Police Department  
Program or Purpose: Pass-through account for providing lock-up facilities to other governmental entities  
Revenue Source: Fees paid for use of cells

**i) Expenses of Planning Board (Re-establish)**

Fiscal Year Expenditure Limit: \$40,000  
Authorized Department: Planning Board  
Program or Purpose: Pass-through account for expert engineering and other consulting services, and for required legal advertising, and

Revenue Source: for expenses incurred by the Planning Board for review of applications under its Subdivision Control Regulations  
Costs and fees advanced by applicants

**j) Expenses of Recycling (Re-establish)**

Fiscal Year Expenditure Limit: \$3,000  
Authorized Department: Board of Health  
Program or Purpose: Pass-through account for expenses of recycling cardboard, glass, metals, paper, plastics, etc.  
Revenue Source: Payments for recycled materials

**k) Expenses of Recreational Fields (Re-establish)**

Fiscal Year Expenditure Limit: \$25,000  
Authorized Department: Recreation Fields Committee  
Program or Purpose: For the costs of maintenance, equipment, and supplies, renovations and/or improvements to any and all Town-owned Recreation fields, including related design services  
Revenue Source: Fees, donations, gifts

**l) Council on Aging Medical Transport Expenses (Re-establish)**

Fiscal Year Expenditure Limit: \$3,500  
Authorized Department: Council on Aging  
Program or Purpose: For the costs of transportation to medical events for the elderly that supplements services already provided by the MART van  
Revenue Source: Grants, donations, fares

**m) Council on Aging Newsletter Printing Expenses (Re-establish)**

Fiscal Year Expenditure Limit: \$4,000  
Authorized Department: Council on Aging  
Program or Purpose: For the costs of advertising and printing the monthly COA newsletter  
Revenue Source: Revenue from advertisements; grants, donations

**n) Conservation Commission (Re-establish)**

Fiscal Year Expenditure Limit: \$25,000  
Authorized Department: Conservation Commission  
Program or Purpose: For the costs of oversight and management of conservation land, including forestry.  
Revenue Source: Revenue from Forestry undertaken on Town Conservation land.

***Voice Vote: Passed by Majority in Favor***

**14 RENEW LIMITED ADDITIONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION**

Moved and seconded that the Town accept the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 59, §5C1/2, inserted by Section 14 of Chapter 62 of the Acts of 2014, which provides for an additional real estate exemption for taxpayers who qualify for property tax exemptions under M.G.L. Chapter 59, §5,

including certain blind persons, veterans, surviving spouses and seniors, and to provide that the additional exemption shall be up to 100 percent of the personal exemption, to be effective for exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2015.

*Voice Vote: Passed by Majority in Favor*

#### **ARTICLE 15      TRANSFER TO THE GENERAL STABILIZATION FUND**

Moved and seconded to take no action.

*Voice Vote: Passed by Majority in Favor*

#### **ARTICLE 16      TRANSFER TO THE CAPTIAL STABILIZATION FUND**

Moved and seconded to take no action.

*Voice Vote: Passed by Majority in Favor*

#### **Article 17      Discontinue a Portion of Town Meeting Road**

To see if the Town will discontinue as a public way the portion of Town Meeting Road that lies within "Area C 0.26 Acres," as shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Shirley (Middlesex Co.) MA surveyed for Division of Fisheries and Wildlife," recorded with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds as Plan 546 of 1995; further, to transfer said Area C from the Board of Selectmen for public way purposes to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of conveyance, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen convey whatever rights the Town may have in said Area C on such terms and conditions and for such consideration as the Board of Selectmen deem appropriate.

David Swain moved that the Town vote to approve Article 17 as printed in the Warrant. Kendra Dumont seconded the motion.

*Vote: Moderator declared passed by 2/3 majority vote.*

#### **ARTICLE 18      INSERT ARTICLE 1.8 "ELECTRONIC COPIES" OF PLANS**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's Protective Zoning Bylaw by inserting the following new section in Section 1 "General Provision," or take any other action relative thereto.

**Section 1.8 Electronic copies- All plans which show any lot line changes shall also be submitted in a digital format acceptable to the Planning Board and the Assessor's Office.**

Moved and seconded to indefinitely postpone.

*Voice Vote: Passed by Majority in Favor of indefinitely postponing.*

#### **ARTICLE 19      SOLAR TAX AGREEMENT**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Assessors to negotiate and enter into a payment in lieu of tax agreement(s) pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 38H(b), or any other enabling authority, with the owner of one or more

renewable energy generation companies for personal property and/or real property taxes in connection with a renewable energy facility installed or to be installed on land shown on Assessors' Map No. 30, Parcel ID Nos. B5 and B6, and located off Patterson Road, a copy of which is on file with the Board of Assessors, and to approve said agreements, and to take any and all actions necessary and appropriate to implement and administer said agreement; or take any other action relative thereto.

<u><i>Company</i></u>	<u><i>Location</i></u>	<u><i>Size (more or less), Map and Parcel</i></u>
<i>National Grid</i>	<i>21 Patterson Road</i>	<i>30 B5; 16.47 Acres</i>
<i>National Grid</i>	<i>21 Patterson Road</i>	<i>30 B6; 11.62 Acres</i>

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to approve Article 19 as printed in the Warrant.

***Voice Vote: Passed by Majority in Favor***

Moved and seconded to dissolve the town meeting.

***Voice Vote: moderator declared more Ayes than Nays – passed. The Moderator declared the Town Meeting dissolved at 10:00 pm.***

Respectfully submitted,

Amy R. McDougall  
Shirley Town Clerk

Attachments: (8 pages)

- Appendix A – FY 2016 Salary Classification Plan (1-page document)
- Appendix B – Proposed FY 2016 Wage Scale (1-page document)
- FY2016 Budget as passed (4-page document)
- Appendix D - Shirley FY2016-FY2020 Capital Improvement Plan (1-page document)